

Church News.

LAKE WAVELETS.

We have noticed but little from the state of Michigan thus far in the winter season and while we have nothing startling, we are glad to report work moving along nicely since we took charge in September. Have had very nice audiences at all our services and good attention. Have some very earnest workers in all departments of church work. Re-election of officers in Sunday-school last Sunday resulting in the selection of W. O. Bowers, superintendent, with a strong corps of other officers and teachers. A very good interest in Sunday school, much of which is due to the untiring efforts of the retiring superintendent, J. H. English, having served in that capacity the past ten years. An evergreen King's Children presided over by sister Eva Penwell, in which both old and young take an active part. We hope to report more successful in our next. The EVANGELIST is an ever welcome visitor.

Any church in northern Indiana or southern Michigan needing a pastor may write me, as my time will not be wholly occupied after February 1, 1897. Yours for Christ.

LATER.—One applicant for baptism, came to my home this evening desiring prayer and willing to follow Christ in baptism. Will attend to the sacred rite New Years day. We desire the prayers of God's people, that others may follow and Christ's cause may be advanced.

L. A. HAZLETT.

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CONEMAUGH, PA.

In giving a report of our revival meeting just lately closed, I failed to report that we closed with a very enjoyable communion service. Notwithstanding the fact that about two weeks before we begun our revival, we held our regular fall communion but after receiving so many new converts into the church we thought that the church was in a good condition to take communion and the new converts would be strengthened and greatly benefited by engaging in the service. I like the idea very much. I have always found that a congregation is better represented in a communion service at the close of a revival than at any other time. I know there are some who do not take much stock in extras, but I have experienced that if I can enjoy an extra feast or do some extra work for the Lord I am always benefited. One hundred and thirty of this one congregation participated in the service. One very prominent member of

the U. B. Church who is convinced on the Gospel alone doctrine communed with us. She expressed herself as enjoying the service very much.

Brother I. D. Bowman of Philadelphia, dropped in and enjoyed the service with us. Among the number of new converts were several boys, ranging in age from twelve to fifteen visited the parsonage on Christmas eve and presented your humble servant and family with a turkey which weighed eighteen and one half pounds. As my wife's health is very much impaired one of our good sisters came in and prepared it for the table for us. Thanks to the young brethren. May the good Lord abundantly bless their young and tender hearts and keep them safely in his fold.

J. F. KOONTZ.

FLASHES FROM MY FORGE.

Brother Lichty's article in late EVANGELIST on "Christmas Gifts" meets with my hearty approval. Why can we not all say, Amen? Unpopular, that is true, but it is Gospel. That is enough. *Giving*, not getting is the Christ life.

Brother Talley's article has the true, Gospel ring also. Let all the churches fall in line as he suggests, and how soon would our treasuries be able to support ten times the work we are now doing! We have both means and methods. Why not have the will—the work?

It is terrible when "Churchism" takes the place of Christ—when human dogmas transcend the divine counsels—when it requires more to be a church member than to go to heaven. Many believe this, at least they so teach. Passing strange, indeed, that what is not essential to salvation should be considered essential to church membership. Wood, hay, stubble.

How very easy it is, though for men to go beyond the authority of God's Word and "abuse their power in the Gospel." An example: A certain elder was once elected to serve in the highest ecclesiastical relation, but prior to taking his seat in that supreme council, it was discovered that he was not properly and duly qualified. Accordingly he was notified that before he could be accepted it would be essential for him to "part his hair according to the prescribed form or order."

The dear brother at first remonstrated, but at last he succumbs to the inevitable, his hair is properly "parted" and he is invested with full authority.

(This is an actual circumstance and can be authenticated. It needs no comment.)

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye"—Why, O, why are men and women professing godliness unsatisfied with Christ's supreme test of dis-

cipleship? Christ's own people are always willing to let his own decisions be final. "Not my will, but thine!" "If ye have love one to another." How much love, Lord? Let verse 34 answer. Jno. 13: 34, 35.

How it must grieve our blessed Savior when men make his Word to say (?) "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye obey the rules of the church as defined by———our wisest and best men!"

"I am set for the defence of the Gospel." Phil. 1: 17. Brethren, let us stand where Paul did. Put a period after Gospel. It is complete in itself. It must be so unless Christ, its author was not complete in himself. "The Gospel, the whole Gospel, and nothing but the Gospel."

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FROM THE INDIANA HOME MISSION BOARD.

To the Churches in Indiana:—At a late meeting of the Board some plans were laid for the year's work. The purpose of the work is to strengthen weak churches and to extend the church into new fields. To accomplish this, the Board needs \$500 at least. Of course, this is more than has been asked for any year previous to this, but our needs are more imperative now. Five hundred dollars is not much, when one thinks of our membership in the state. An average of 40 cents per member in the state for the year, would more than double the five hundred dollars.

The Board feels quite sure our brotherhood in Indiana will respond to our call willingly and liberally, if rightly approached. One brother writes that he thinks his church will be able to pay fifty dollars to missions this Conference year. Another says they will do more for Home Missions than ever.

Several calls have already been received by the Board for work in new fields in the state, and measures are being taken to meet the calls. About the first of February a meeting will be begun in the city of Goshen.

The State Evangelist has already visited some of the weaker churches, to learn their condition and, if possible, to encourage them and supply them with help, and is meeting with some encouragement. This part of our work is very important, because all the rest of our work, as a church depends upon the quality and working power of our present membership.

To more perfectly systematize our work, the Board has decided to hold regular meetings at stated times and called meetings only when the need is urgent. The regular meetings will be held in December,